AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 4 with the following:

The present invention concerns a cylinder lock and key combination comprising a cylinder shell, a key plug which is rotatably mounted in said shell, a longitudinal key slot extending along said key plug in parallel to the rotational axis for receiving a key blade having, at a side surface thereof, a longitudinally extending coded surface, at least ~~one looking~~ one locking tumbler assembly having a body segment with a contact portion reaching into said key slot so as to engage with said coded surface of a properly shaped key blade upon insertion thereof into said key slot, and at least one cavity located at a transversal side of said key slot in said key plug, said cavity accommodating an associated one of said at least one tumbler assembly and guiding the latter for elevational movement therein.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 20 with the following:

Such a lock is previously known from the patent specifications US-A-4,756,177, US-A-4,815,307, ~~US-A-5067,335,~~ US-A-5,640,865 and US-A-5,067,335 (all in the name of Widén). In the locks disclosed in these references, each tumbler assembly has a finger portion projecting outwardly therefrom, either in different angular directions or at different positions, such that the longitudinal distribution of the outer ends (contact portions) of the finger portions generally differs from the normally regular

distribution of the locking tumblers themselves in the longitudinal direction, i.e. in parallel with the key slot.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, at line 17 with the following:

According to the present invention, this object is achieved for a lock of the aforementioned kind in that at least one locking tumbler assembly of the lock comprises a pair of adjacent tumbler body segments accommodated in the same cavity, each tumbler body segment having a contact portion (not necessarily in the form of a finger) reaching into the key slot. The adjacent tumbler body segments in said pair are guided in said cavity for elevational movement independently of each other. The adjacent body segments in the pair are individually displaced into respective elevational positions while being engaged, at said contact portions, by said coded surface upon insertion of said key blade into said key slot. Also, the associated contact portions in the pair are axially separated in ~~the lontigudinal~~ the longitudinal direction of the key plug such that these contact portions will be positioned at elevationally specific and generally different levels when being engaged by the coded surface upon insertion of key blade into the key slot.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 15 with the following:

In contrast, in the lock according to the present invention, the two body segments in a pair can be located in many different relative positions. For each elevational position

of one of the body segments, the other body segment can be positioned in various positions. Accordingly, the total number of code combinations is very high. Moreover, since the contact portions of a pair are ~~located reltively~~ located relatively close to each other, although they are axially separated from each other, it is very difficult to manipulate one contact portion without also displacing the other one. Therefore, the lock has a very high level of security against picking.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, at line 1 with the following:

According to the present invention, the tumbler assembly 110 comprises a pair of adjacent tumbler body segments 113, 114 (see fig. 3), which are guided in the same cavity but are elevationally movable independently of each other therein. Because of the separate mobility of these two body segments 113, 114, they can be individually displaced so that the recesses 111, 112 become mutually aligned. Now, the side bar ~~115 can be~~ 150 can be brought into the aligned recesses 111, 112, as illustrated in fig. 5. Thus,upon alignment of the recesses 111,112, the side bar 150 can be moved into this releasing position by applying a rotating force onto the key plug 130. Then, the side bar 150 will be forced to move radially inwards against the action of the springs 152.